

Bike Advocacy in Boston

It all began in the nineteenth century
with Pierre Lallement



Cars are Stopped

Transportation activists in the early 1970's temporarily stopped the advance of the car



Ken Kruckemeyer at Roxbury Crossing, where a bike path replaced the Southwest Expressway

Bike Advocacy Starts Slowly

- **1975: The need for a bike advocacy group in Boston was recognized by the founding of the Boston Area Bicycle Association.**
- **June 7, 1975: The Paul Dudley White Memorial Bicycle Path opened from the Science Museum to Watertown on the Cambridge side of the Charles.**

Boston Bikes in the 1970's

- **February, 1977: The Boston Area Bicycle Coalition was founded by Anita Brewer, Cathy Buckley, and Jonathan Fine.**
- **April, 1978: Bike Week '78**
- **1978: The first Boston Bike Map, which set a precedent of not including all of the city of Boston**
- **1978: Boston's first bike messenger service**
- **1978: Claire Saltonstall bike route from Boston to Cape Cod was mapped and signed.**

Bicycle Coalition

The BABC's membership reached 500, and a tabloid newspaper, entitled "boston area bicycle coalition", later became "The Boston Cyclist" and was published for several years.



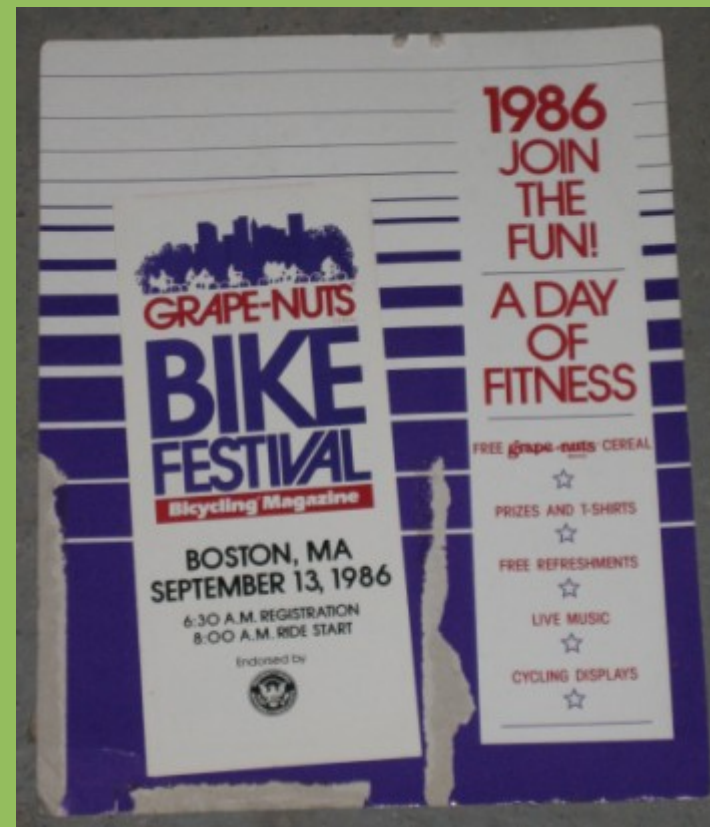
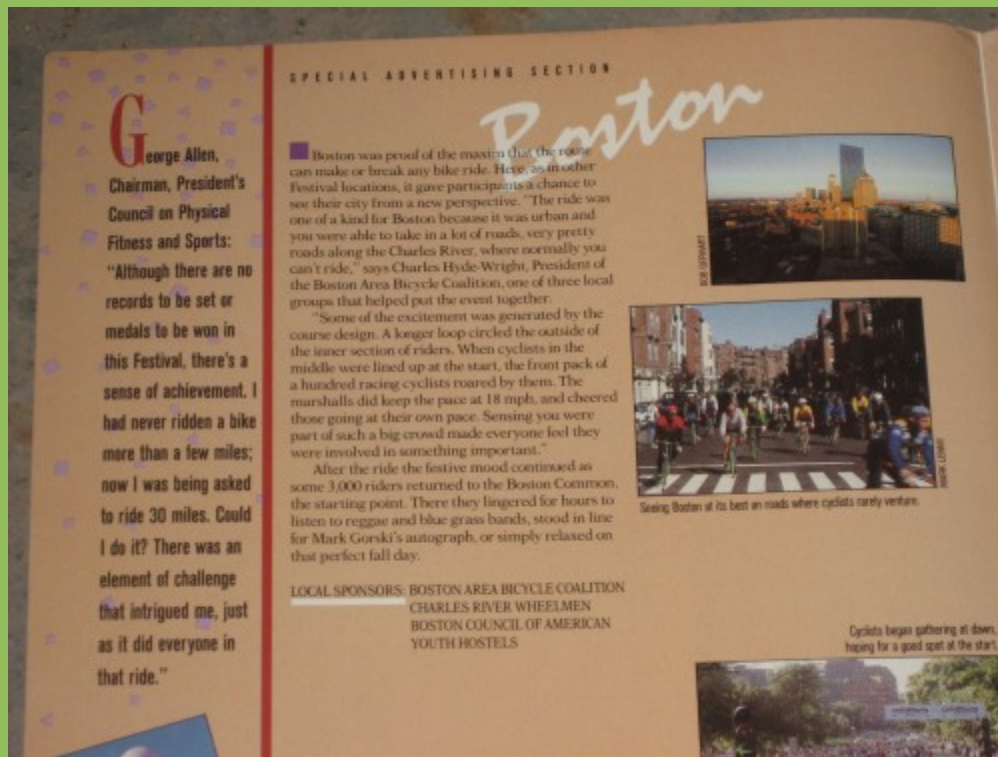
Bike Education

The BABC's membership actually shrank through the 1980's, and we put our efforts into education after failing to get any pro-bicycle legislation passed at the State House.



Bike Festivals

By the mid-1980's, the pendulum began to swing and we started working on big events



Bikes on the T

And after a few years of work, Bikes on the T!

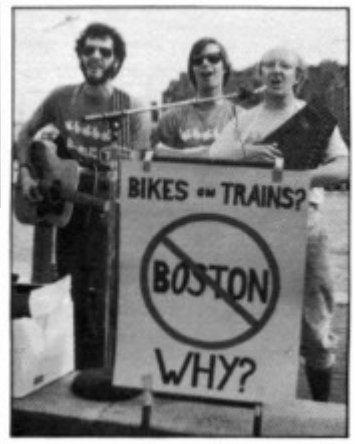
RALLY
FOR
BIKES
ON THE **T**

Featuring:
• 3 way race to Cross Boston Harbor (canoe vs. bike vs. T)
• A Boston T party
• Music, speeches, etc.

Cyclists in other cities have access to their "Mass Transit" systems. Help win access to the Orange, Blue, Red & Commuter rail lines during weekend and non-rush hours.

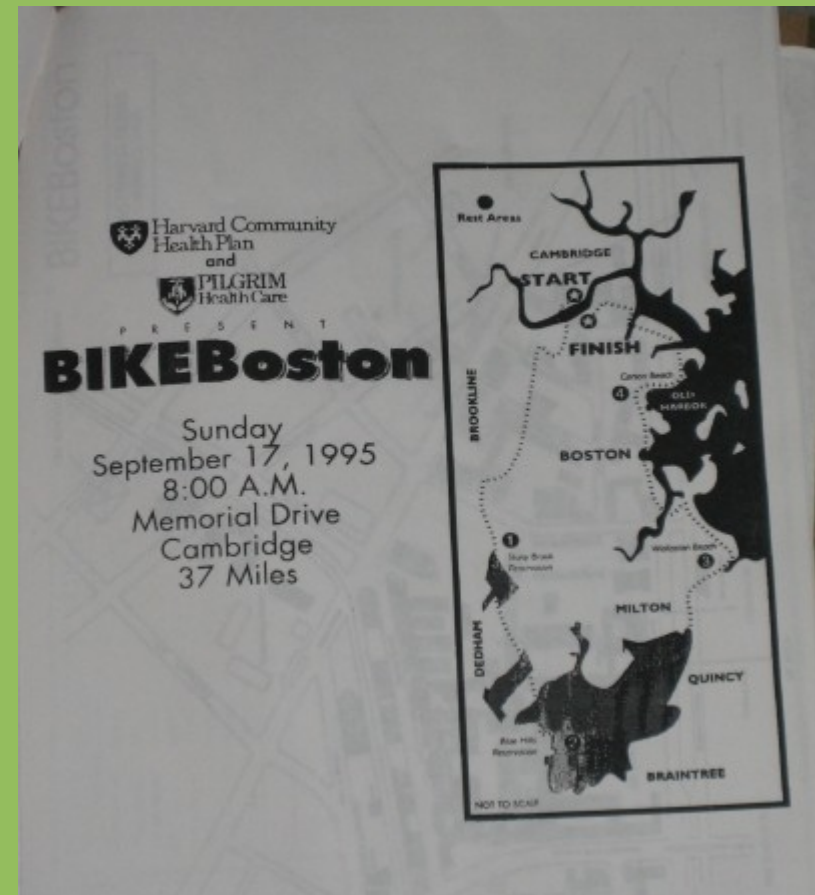
FOR MORE INFO: Jeff - 623-6978
OR TO HELP OUT: John - 524-1672
PLEASE CALL: Charles - 532-7274

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 20
1-3 PM
WATERFRONT PARK
BOSTON**



Bike to Work (and Around Boston)

The environmental consciousness of the 1990's increased the number of cyclists in Boston



First Boston Bike Committee

In 1991, Boston's first bicycle advisory committee started meeting with the Transportation and Environment Departments

Bike Routes for Boston

Phase One

Doug Mink
Boston Area Bicycle Coalition
November 12, 1991

Boston is blessed with a compact downtown area and several bikepaths which begin within a mile or two of City Hall and provide transportation corridors for people who want to get around the city by bicycle. A first step in a system of signed bike routes would connect existing bike paths with each other, with major central points such as the Boston Common and City Hall, and with the key transportation centers: North Station, South Station, and Logan International Airport. In addition to helping cyclists find their way around the city, designated bike routes can be maintained with bicycle traffic in mind. They can be plowed widely to allow cars and bicycles to pass after snow, and can be priority enforcement areas for double parking violations.

Future bike routes can better connect Boston's neighborhoods and green-spaces and include additional corridors into and out of the city.

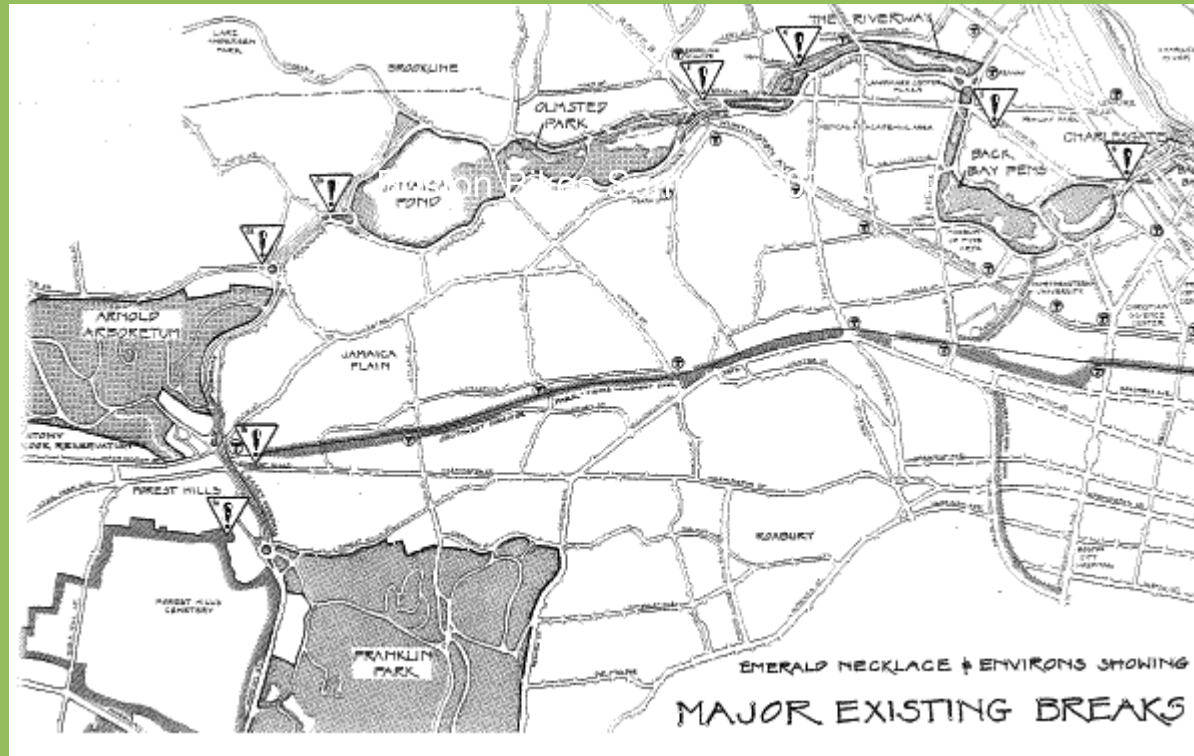
These are the ten proposed bike routes for the City of Boston:

1. Southwest Corridor Bikepath to the Charles River Bikepath
2. Southwest Corridor Bikepath to Boston City Hall
3. Southwest Corridor Bikepath to Jamaica Pond Bikepath
4. Muddy River Bikepath to Charles River Bikepath
5. Muddy River Bikepath to Boston City Hall
6. Charles River Bikepath to South Station
7. Charles River Bikepath to Boston Common
8. Charles River Bikepath to AYH Boston International Hostel
9. U.Mass-Boston and Kennedy Library to Boston City Hall
10. Charles River Bikepath to Logan Airport



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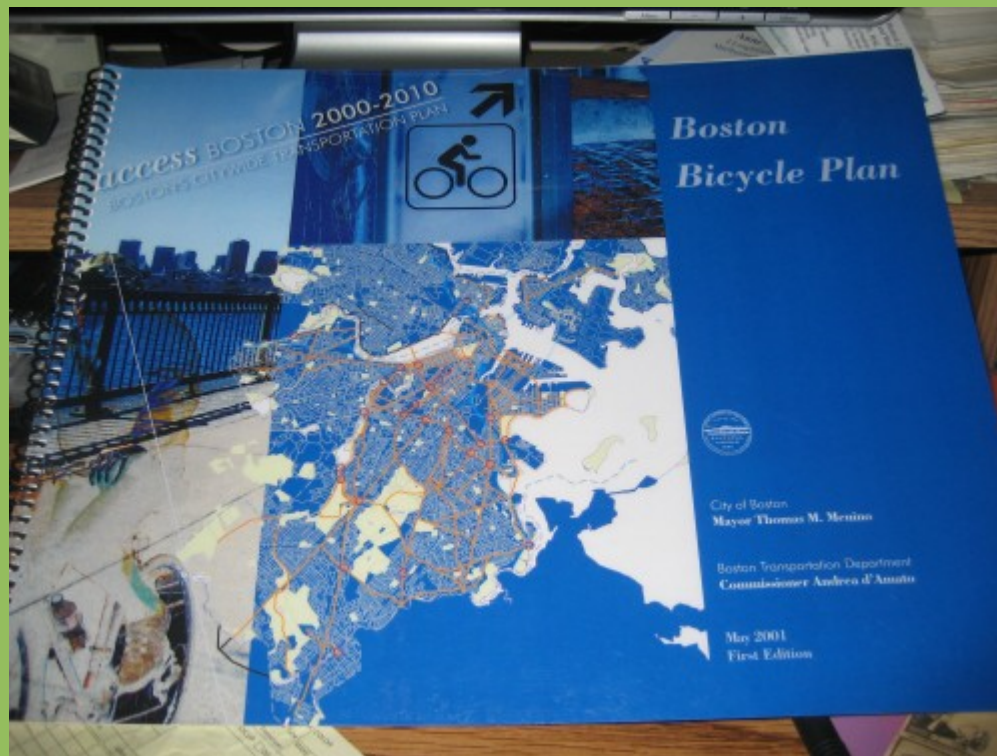
1999: The Emerald Necklace Greenway Project tried unsuccessfully to get the city to tie the Emerald Necklace back together.



Last Bike Committee

2001: The Boston Bicycle Plan was published and a bicycle advisory committee established

2003: The committee was not reappointed and its Transportation Department contact was laid off.



Bike Facilities Still Get Built

At that point, we pretty much gave up on getting the city to change and worked with others



Metropolitan District Commission
Neponset Trail in Dorchester

Biking in Boston

Boston is a great place to bicycle from one end to the other, but it could be great.



**Bikepath through the woods in
Stony Brook Reservation**



Boston from the Deer Island path